

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of DOMINQUE LYNETTE  
HUMPHREY, JASMINE MONIQUE HUMPHREY,  
KARIM ALI HILTON, DAI'VON DAMARI  
HILTON, and JAI'VON AMARI HILTON, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner - Appellee,

v

KARIM HILTON,

Respondent - Appellant,

and

LATRINZA CHENNETTE HUMPHREY and  
DEREK GASTON,

Respondents.

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Before: Murphy, P.J., and Kelly and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from a family court order terminating his parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

Although respondent-appellant argues that the court erred in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence, he does not direct his arguments to the specific statutory criteria for §§ 19b(3)(g) and (j). Accordingly, we conclude that respondent-appellant has not demonstrated any basis for relief. See *Roberts & Son Contracting, Inc v North Oakland Development Corp*, 163 Mich App 109, 111; 413 NW2d 744 (1987) (failure to brief a

necessary issue precludes appellate relief). See also *Goolsby v Detroit*, 419 Mich 651, 655 n 1; 358 NW2d 856 (1984).

In any event, having considered the specific argument presented by respondent-appellant with regard to the referee's findings, we find no basis for concluding that the referee clearly erred in finding that at least one statutory ground for termination, namely § 19b(3)(g), was established by clear and convincing evidence, and further, that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was warranted at the initial dispositional hearing. MCR 5.991(D); MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Hence, we uphold the judge's entry of the order terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights based on the referee's findings and recommendation. Petitioner's request for relief under MCR 7.215(E)(2) is denied.

Affirmed.

/s/ William B. Murphy

/s/ Michael J. Kelly

/s/ Michael J. Talbot